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SUBJ: ROUTING IV GRANTEES FROM ISRAEL

REF: DEPT'S OM AUG 2

ALTHOUGH FEW GRANTEES IN RECENT YEARS HAVE
COMPLAINED, POST CERTAINLY AS MUCH CONCERNED
AS DEPT OVER PROSPECT IV GRANTEES ARRIVING
PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY TIRED FROM JET LAG
ON FLT 15 HRS 35 MINS INCURRED WHEN THEY TAKE
ONLY US CARRIER AVAILABLE HERE AND ONLY
DIRECT FLT TO DC. MOST ARE BUSY PERSONS
WANTING GET TO US ASAP AND ALL HAVE BEEN
INFORMED BY CAO THEIR OPTION TO OVERNIGHT
WHICH MOST REGARD AS GREATER INCONVENIENCE THAN
CONVENIENCE. SEVERAL HAVE PREFERRED ARRIVE
FRI NIGHT AND REST UPON WEEKEND, USUALLY HAVING
FRIENDS IN DC AND DO NOT FACE LONELY WEEKENDS
IN HOTEL ROOMS. SINCE DEPT HOWEVER NOW DIS-
COURAGES WEEKEND ARRIVALS AND WOULD LIKE POST
HOLD TO AUTHORIZED LAYOVER WHEN INT'L FLTS MORE
THAN 14 HRS, POST WILL TRY TO ENCOURAGE FUTURE
IV'S TO LAYOVER IN PARIS, OVERNIGHTING PROBABLY
AT ORLY HILTON AND WILL SCHEDULE ARRIVALS DC
MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS ONLY. PARIS LAYOVER
WILL LESSEN THEIR TRANSATLANTIC FLT BY 3 HRS
AND OBLIGES THEM CLEAR FR CUSTOMS TWICE. IT
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INTRODUCES FISCAL PROBLEM OF ONE DAY'S PER DIEM

AT DOLS 41 TO COVER OVERNIGHTING PARIS. NORMAL
DOLS 35 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IS NOT CONCEIVED BY
POST AS PER DIEM BUT TO PERMIT FOREIGN VISITOR
HAVE SOME US CURRENCY ON HAND DURING PERIOD OF
ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO COVER CONTINGENCIES,
AND IN ANY CASE IS DOLS SIX LESS THAN NORMAL
PER DIEM ONE DAY PARIS. CAN GRANTS FOR MK'S
KATSAB AND HARISH BE REWRITTEN AND SENT ASAP
TO PERMIT POST MAKE ADDITIONAL OUTLAY DOLS 41
IN CONNECTION DEPT'S SUGGESTED NEW ROUTING IF
GRANTEES WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPTION.
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